

NOTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 15, 2000
MAG Offices
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe, Chairman	* Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale
* Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Vice Chairman	* Mayor John Keegan, Peoria
Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler	

* Not present

1. Call to Order

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Neil Giuliano at 12:10 p.m. He indicated that non-action items would be heard until a quorum was met.

5. Air Quality Update

This agenda item was taken out of order.

James M. Bourey stated that Governor Hull recently signed HB 2104 which repealed the entire remote sensing program. The remote sensing program, also known as "smog dogs," is designed to identify high emitting vehicles and send them into the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program for testing. Mr. Bourey stated that MAG was unaware of the provision in the bill until after passage, since it was changed late in the night of its passage. He remarked that ADEQ had indicated to the Governor's Office that EPA communicated to them that elimination of the program was acceptable to the EPA. It has been determined that this was not the case. Mr. Bourey stated that an on-road inspection program is needed. He introduced Cari Anderson, MAG Senior Engineer, to update the members.

Ms. Anderson stated that EPA informed MAG last week that, with the deletion of the sensing program, the Carbon Monoxide attainment demonstration will need to be remodeled without the remote sensing program. Ms. Anderson stated that the remote sensing program has been a committed control measure in the region since the development of the moderate area plans. As such, it was included in the base assumptions for the Serious Area Plan, which demonstrates attainment of the standard by a very narrow margin. Ms. Anderson stated that it is not known at this time whether or not the plan will demonstrate attainment without the program. This would require revising the MAG 1999 Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan, including going through the public process and re-submission of the plan. Ms. Anderson noted that the region needs an on-road program to meet the requirements for an enhanced Inspection Maintenance program required by

the Act for Serious Area Nonattainment areas, before EPA can approve the plan. She indicated that meetings with ADEQ are ongoing.

Mr. Bourey stated that Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest sent a letter to Governor Hull. He handed out copies of the letter to members. Mr. Bourey stated that the letter calls for restoration of the sensing program, or legal action would follow. Ms. Anderson noted that if the one line in the bill repealing the program were deleted, the Carbon Monoxide Plan would not have to be redone. Dennis Smith stated that a research component for new technologies to identify high emitting vehicles and facilitate their repair was included in the bill to replace the sensing program, but would be funded for only one year. Mr. Bourey commented on the Executive Committee expressing their concerns to the Governor.

4. MAG Office Space Update

Mr. Bourey stated that MAG has two separate leases for office space on the second and third floors. The third floor lease expires on June 30, 2001 and the second floor sublease has three years remaining. He introduced Bob Burnand, Cushman and Wakefield, who gave an update on lease negotiations. Mr. Burnand stated that a Request for Proposals was sent to the Teachers Insurance and Annuity, owners of the building. He summarized their response that included a blended rate of \$21.10 per square foot, full service, and increased parking. He indicated that this proposal would also apply to the two years beyond the second floor sublease. Mr. Burnand stated that Cushman and Wakefield submitted a counter offer for both leases on behalf of MAG for \$17.50 per square foot, lower parking rates, and first right of refusal on the McCarthy space. He indicated that the negotiation to combine all the office space under one lease was declined.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked the square footage of the office space. Mr. Burnand replied it is approximately 25,000 square feet. Mayor Tibshraeny asked about the upcoming vacancy of the McCarthy office space. Mr. Burnand stated that their lease expires at the same time as MAG's. Chairman Giuliano requested Mayor Tibshraeny update the Regional Council on the lease negotiations.

Mr. Bourey stated that Teachers was not interested in selling the building. He indicated that the City of Phoenix is exploring the possibility of purchasing the building to house Phoenix Transit. Mayor Tibshraeny commented that because of the good economy, many owners are unwilling to put buildings on the market. It was agreed that Mayor Tibshraeny would lead a small Regional Council committee on the issue and follow up with the Executive Committee.

Mr. Bourey stated that it is important to pursue negotiations now, since investments must be made to accommodate the enhancements needed for the videoconferencing equipment. Mayor Tibshraeny asked for clarification of the negotiation process so far. Mr. Burnand stated that the owner's offer has been received and countered. He said their counter offer is expected. Mr. Burnand commented that it is more cost effective to remain in the present building, than to relocate.

3. Draft FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

This agenda item was taken out of order.

Mr. Bourey stated that the Management Committee recommended approval of the resolution adopting the FY 2001 Work Program and Annual Budget and dues and assessments. He stated that Executive Committee endorsement was requested. Art Rullo handed out copies of the annual budget presentation. Mr. Rullo noted that slight changes have been made to the 2nd draft of Work Program. He indicated that the Emergency 911 assessment has increased from \$30,000 to \$105,885 to fund personnel who will maintain the integrity of the 911 database. Mr. Bourey indicated that the additional personnel is crucial to the maintenance of the database. Mr. Rullo summarized the projects included in the FY 2000 Transportation Improvement Program, totalling \$2,846,000. Mr. Rullo mentioned that funds for the first and second years of teleconferencing training were included in the prior year, but had been omitted from the first draft. Mr. Rullo stated that a grant for Regional Growing Smarter Implementation was received in the amount of \$295,000. He indicated that Mr. Bourey would keep members updated on this grant. He explained the pie charts shown in the presentation that showed the amounts and sources of MAG funds, totalling \$11,590,392. Mr. Rullo stated that the next two pie charts showed how the funds are used by program and expenditure category. Mr. Rullo noted that personnel cost projections assume a 5 percent salary adjustment and one new position, for a total of 58 employees. Mr. Rullo stated that \$5,224,388, an increase of 5.78 percent over last year, is needed for MAG to operate in FY 2001. He noted that the Regional Council Meeting Broadcast Feasibility Study for \$30,000 had been added at the request of the Executive Committee. Guadalupe Councilmember Margarita Garcia stated that broadcasts of Regional Council meetings would inform and connect communities.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked for clarification of the \$486 million in planning funds that come to our region. Mr. Rullo replied that \$11 million of this amount comes directly to MAG, the remainder is federal carry forward, stated and non-grant funds. Mr. Bourey stated that City and County projects are not included in the Work Program. Mr. Smith stated that we have statutory authority for the \$11 million. Mayor Tibshraeny asked if freeway construction was included. Mr. Smith replied that it was, because we have statutory authority for freeways.

Chairman Giuliano stated that Mayor Keegan had been delayed at the Governor's Office. He stated that for the record, the two Executive Committee members in attendance at the meeting concurred with recommending approval of the resolution adopting the FY 2001 MAG Work Program and Annual Budget and dues and assessments. Chairman Giuliano stated that approval of the April 17, 2000 meeting minutes would be continued until the next Executive Committee meeting.

2. Approval of April 17, 2000 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

No action was taken on this agenda item, since a quorum was not present.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.